

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

5 In re application of: Carpentier, et al. ) Group Art Unit: Unknown  
Application No.: Unknown ) Examiner: Unknown  
Filing Date: Herewith )  
10 For: FLEXIBLE HEART VALVE AND ASSOCIATED )  
CONNECTING BAND )  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
20 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

The following revisions have been made to this application relative to parent application  
Serial Number 09/847,930. No new matter has been added by way of these revisions.

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Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 3 of this paper.

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Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.